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am afraid I'd have to oppose the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask Senator Bereuter a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR KREMER: Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Yes.

SENATOR KREMER: Do you have the information that would support your view and are you telling us that you feel the fee is too high and are you prepared to offer an amendment based on the evidence that you have that would give us a more reasonable increase in the fee?

SENATOR BEREUTER: No, Senator Kremer, my opinion is based upon my own understanding of the procedure and I think the burden rests upon the introducers of the bill and not upon me.

SENATOR KREMER: Well, Senator Bereuter, if I may continue, Mr. Chairman, all the Committee could do was take the evidence that was submitted to the Committee at the time of the hearing and you will note by the Committee report, there was no opposition from anyone and those that were in support of the bill gave sufficient evidence to the Committee, in my opinion, to support the figure set forth in the bill and that is about the only answer I can give you. We did not seek any other information. As you suggested, perhaps we ought to.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President and members of the body, I think there is a considerable amount of interest in this bill rather than just the amounts that we have here and I suggest we lay it over because I think Senator Bereuter has brought some things to our attention that may be worthy of our consideration at a further date.

PRESIDENT: Senator Moylan.

SENATOR MOYLAN: Well, Mr. President and members of the body, I object to laying this bill over.

PRESIDENT: All right. Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: I would just speak briefly to the proposition that an awful lot of our counties have got their back to the wall on county expense and I have not been contacted relative to this bill but I do know that we have a financial crunch at home and, very frankly, I don't think you can pick up a piece of paper and put it in the wastebasket anymore for \$1. I think it is time that some of the limitation that we have put on these county people be relieved and I think that the charges that are developed as a result of the service being rendered should possibly be paid directly by those who are requiring it. If I lose